

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of”; and
(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount of assistance provided to a household under this subsection shall not exceed \$5,000, as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

“(B) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The President may provide additional assistance to a household that is unable to secure temporary housing through insurance proceeds or loans or other financial assistance from the Small Business Administration or another Federal agency.”.

SEC. 211. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 411 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5178) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in consultation and coordination with a State, may make a grant directly, or through the State, to an individual or a family that is adversely affected by a major disaster to assist the individual or family in meeting disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of the individual or family, if the individual or family is unable to meet the expenses or needs through—

“(1) assistance under other provisions of this Act; or

“(2) other means.”;

(2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—If a State determines that a grant to an individual or a family under this section shall be made through the State, the State shall pay, without reimbursement from any funds made available under this Act, the cost of all administrative expenses associated with the management of the grant by the State.”;

(3) by striking subsection (e); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

In section 302—

(1) insert “(a) TERRITORIES.—” before “Section 102”; and

(2) add at the end the following:

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘local government’ means—

“(A) a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government;

“(B) an Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization; and

“(C) a rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity, for which an application for assistance is made by a State or political subdivision of a State.”.

(c) PRIVATE NONPROFIT FACILITY.—Section 102(9) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(9)) is amended by inserting “irrigation,” after “utility.”

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

LEVIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3154

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ROBB, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. REED, Mr. MACK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. COCHRAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 521, supra; as follows:

Strike section 2410.

STEVENS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3155

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 521, supra; as follows:

On page 26, at line 15, strike, “\$74,859,000”, and insert in lieu thereof, “\$542,859,000”; and

On page 27, at line 7, strike, “;”, and insert in lieu thereof: “; Acquisition of six C-130J long-range maritime patrol aircraft authorized under section 812(G) of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act that are capable of meeting defense-related and other elements of the Coast Guard’s multi-mission requirements, \$468,000,000.”

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the outlook for America’s natural gas demand.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. However, those who wish to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information regarding the hearing, please contact Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on global warming.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644). The hearing will take place in room 562, Dirksen Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Pick-Sloan Project and S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, for an Open Executive Session to mark up legislation extending permanent Normal Trading Relations to China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on legislative remedies, including S. 1816, the Hagel-Kerrey-Abraham-Landrieu campaign finance reform bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety be

authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a Clean Air Act Reauthorization hearing to receive testimony on an incentive-based utility emissions reduction approach in the Clean Air Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the operation, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, of the Flathead Irrigation Project in Montana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mark Borreson, a fellow from my office, be allowed floor privileges during the remainder of the military construction debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Herbert, a congressional fellow in my office, be allowed the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 2521.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3709

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 3709 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 3709) to extend for 5 years the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous

consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider en bloc all of the military nominations reported by the Armed Services Committee today. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. John J. Catton, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Robert E. Lytle, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Roger G. DeKok, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Hinson, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Wehrle, Jr., 0000

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Charles W. Fletcher, Jr., 0000

NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Phillip M. Balisle, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) John T. Byrd, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) William W. Cobb, Jr., 0000,

Rear Adm. (lh) Christopher W. Cole, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) David R. Ellison, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) David T. Hart, Jr., 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth F. Heimgartner, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Joseph G. Henry, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Gerald L. Hoewing, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael L. Holmes, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) William R. Klemm, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael D. Malone, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Peter W. Marzluff, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) James D. McArthur, Jr., 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. McCabe, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) David C. Nichols, Jr., 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Perry M. Ratliff, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Gary Roughhead, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth D. Slaght, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Stanley R. Szemborski, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Henry G. Ulrich III, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) George E. Voelker, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh) Robert F. Willard, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 5142:

To be Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Barry C. Black, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5033:

To be Admiral

Adm. Vernon E. Clark, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

Air Force nominations beginning DAVID C. ABRUZZI, and ending MICHAEL J. ZUBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 25, 2000

IN THE ARMY

Army nomination of Manester Y. Bruno, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 25, 2000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

Marine Corps nominations beginning DEBRA A. ANDERSON, and ending SCOTT C. WHITNEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 25, 2000

IN THE NAVY

Navy nomination of Richard L. Page, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 11, 2000

Navy nomination of Thomas B. Lee, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 25, 2000

Navy nominations beginning CHARLES A. ARMIN, and ending MARK D. PYLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 25, 2000

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 18. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date,